

Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Planning Assumptions

The overall assumptions listed below are considered guidelines that we are required to follow to help fulfill the Department's mission during the preparation of the General Plan for Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

1. The Department of Parks and Recreation will continue to manage Big Basin, classified as a State Park, with sub classifications of Natural Preserve and Wilderness Area as defined by the Public Resources Code.
2. The Department of Parks and Recreation will manage species of concern and habitats following the requirements of the Endangered Species Act as defined by Federal and California State law.
3. The Department of Parks and Recreation will preserve the park's cultural resources as required by law following the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Preservation of Historic Structures and Places.
4. Realizing that it is not feasible to fully satisfy the recreational demands of current and future populations located in the San Francisco Bay area and Santa Cruz regions, the Department of Parks and Recreation will seek ways to maintain or increase the overall existing level of recreational opportunities for State Parks located in the Santa Cruz Mountain area.
5. The Department of Parks and Recreation will consult with adjacent landowners and residents and address their concerns during the planning process while balancing local and statewide interests and represent the needs of all Californians.
6. The Department of Parks and Recreation will coordinate the preparation of the General Plan with other ongoing planning efforts in adjacent State Parks and other open space providers. The plan will evaluate potential connectivity and compatibility of State Park lands with surrounding land uses.
7. The original acquisition of 3800 acres may be designated as a National Historic Landmark.